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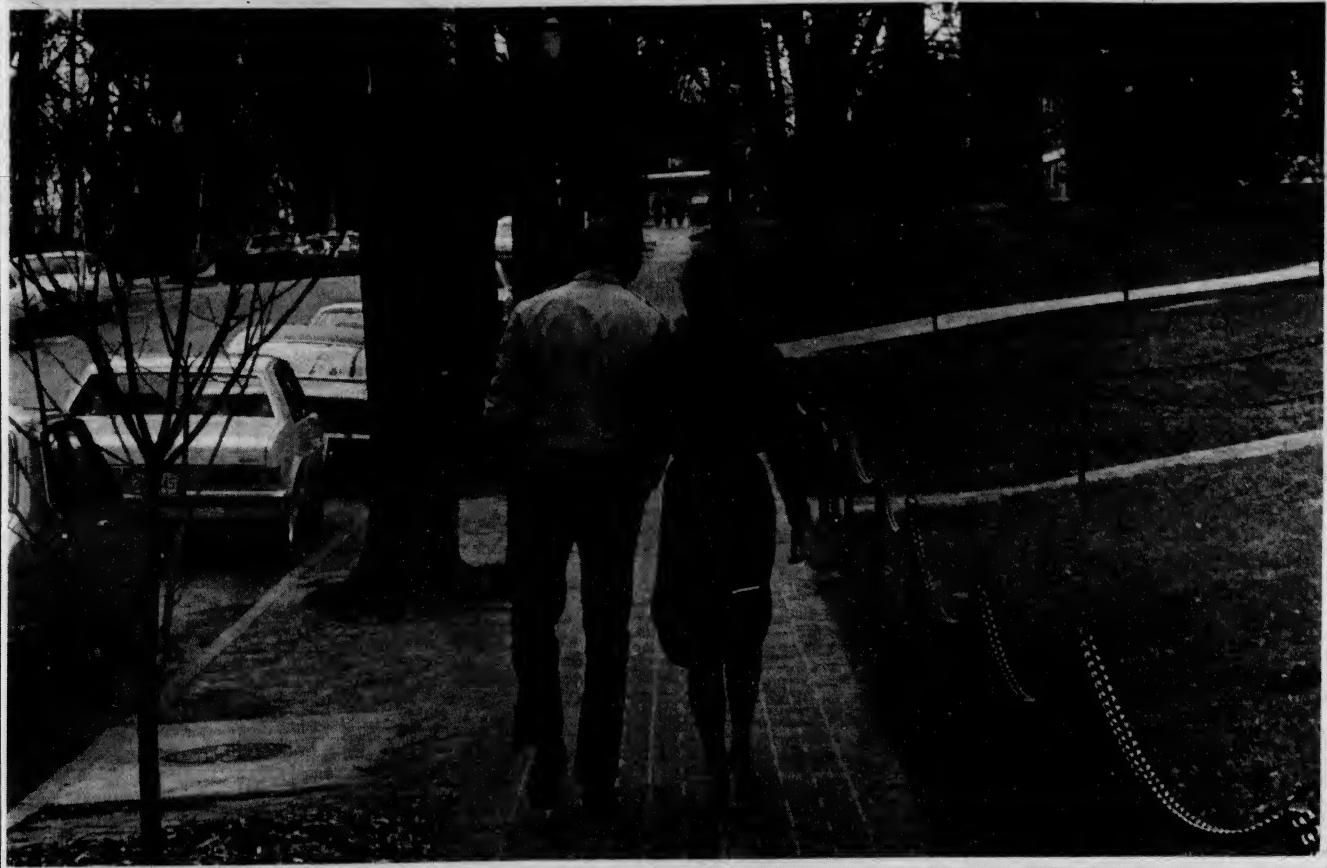


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ABORTION:

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VIRGINITY:

When most people treat sex as casually as handing out a stick of gum, how does one deal with the commitment to "wait?" See story, page 3.

MOTELS:

Chuck Borek reviews area hotels and motels so that you can find a place in which your --uh--parents can stay. See story, page 4.

EDITORIAL

When state interference starts to hurt and not help

On Feb. 25, all federally funded family-planning clinics will be required to notify the parents of "unemancipated" teenagers under 18 when they are given prescriptions for contraceptives.

The government claims the new regulation will open up teenager-parent communication in an area that supposedly needs to be discussed within the family.

They think it will strengthen family relationships as it breaks down the walls of secrecy that tend to surround teenage sex. They think it will help.

It seems to me many parents who are going to find out their daughters are using contraceptives (which will mean having sex) will be far from happy about it.

In my house, there would have been a LOT of screaming. And I mean, for weeks!

In other houses, the shock of the news could lead to physical abuse or total banishment from the family unit.

So much for improving family relationships!

Still, the government claims this will help. But the odds are against them. My bet and the bet of the many opponents to the regulation say it won't help. In fact, it probably will hurt.

The number of teenage pregnancies will only increase. Girls will opt for no birth control over knowing they would be squealed on if they tried to show some responsibility for their own bodies and their own lives.

Pregnancy and childbirth is five times riskier for teenagers than taking the pill. The maternal death rate for females under 15 is over twice that of 20- to 24-year-olds. The "squeal rule" will probably send abortion and infant-mortality rates up too.

Just when will the federal government learn to stop interfering in the privileged privacy of its citizens?

Reagan says he wants smaller government, yet now he is dictating to American families when they should discuss sex. What's next? Telling us when to HAVE sex?

A woman's body should be her own business -- not the government's and not even the family's. Does being under 18 deny a person the right to privacy?

The one thing the new rule most definitely won't do is slow down the sexual activities of American teenagers.

The backseats will still be there. The parties. The peer pressure. They will all still be there -- with or without birth control.

So thanks guys for all your "help."

Bethanne Daughtrey

Bushnell will prove responsibility

To the Editor:

Time and time again students complain about the extent to which college rules inhibit academic and social freedom. Despite criticism directed at visitation and class attendance policies, which are supported by your Student Association, this same Student Association has been optimistic enough to believe that MWC students are, in fact, responsible individuals.

Dean Southworth, Bushnell Resident Coordinator Dottie Minear, and the residents of Bushnell have affirmed this strong belief in the responsibility of MWC students. After much preparation and

discussion, Dean Southworth allowed the Bushnell residents to vote to fill the leadership position in the Residence Hall with a student. Mickey Houck, a junior and second-year RA, has agreed to fill that position of "Head Resident." He will be assisted by four R.A.'s: Mike McMagon, Karl Kratzer, and two who have yet to be chosen.

We wish to congratulate these students on earning the respect of both the Administration and their fellow students.

Respectfully submitted,
Student Association
Executive Cabinet
1982-1983

Le Guin cancelled, Wilbur to read

To the Editor:

I regret to announce that Ursula Le Guin will be unable to read at the College as originally planned. Instead, poet Richard Wilbur will be reading on April 12.

Ursula Le Guin will be reading at the Folger Shakespeare Library on Sunday, March 20.

And everyone is welcome to attend

the first poetry reading of the semester, which features poets Linda Pastan and Myra Sklarew (both from American University). The reading will be held in Seacobeck Basement at 7:30 pm, Thursday, Feb. 17.

Sincerely,
Lisa Diltrich

Letters

Thanks to you, it works for all of us

To the Editor:

In response to the last edition of *The Bullet* titled, "Stealing a Peek at the Honor System," I would like to make some specific comments.

First, I am overcome by the support and enthusiasm for Honor which is being displayed by many fellow students. Thanks to Jackie Conciatore, Jim Emery, Sarah Kosak, Chuck Borek, Jane Feeney, Kim Athey, Chris Barnett, and Scott Kaplan for expressing their feelings and views about our Honor System.

Second, questioning our Honor System is necessary in order to strengthen our awareness of

"Honor". By refreshing this moral code, we should discover how much the Honor System serves as an integral part of this institution. The articles of *The Bullet* pointed out that we have a very functional Honor System. We can thank the founders of our Honor Constitution for drafting a code that would be flexible with Mary Washington College's growth.

Lastly, whenever the Honor System seems to fail us it reflects on "responsibility". Yes, the responsibility I am referring to concerns every member of this campus community. However, the main respon-

sibility rests on the shoulders of the STUDENTS. The Honor System was created by students, it is beneficial to students, and it is controlled by students. Therefore, it is only fitting that we, the students of MWC, abide by and support our Honor System.

As Jim Emery stated in the last edition of the Bullet, "The Honor System is like a chain, it is only as strong as its weakest link. We are all responsible for upholding the honor code, for we are the Honor System."

Sincerely yours,
Sarah E. Thompson, President
1982-1983

Now, where was everybody?

To the Editor:

On Friday and Saturday, January 29 and 30, Mary Washington College sponsored the Muscular Dystrophy Superdance. This dance was not sponsored by any clubs or organizations but by MWC students as a whole. But WHERE WAS EVERYONE?

Friday night the pub only reached capacity twice and Saturday night the Keg Party at Seacobeck was never half full the entire evening. Last year we made \$5000 this year only \$3000.

People have complained many times about the lack of school spirit

and lack of recognition that MWC has had in the past. If each person were to contribute either by dancing, helping on committees or just by being there, then we would have both spirit and recognition. We might be able to compete with U.V.A., U of R., and G.W.'s Superdance. These schools always make a lot of money and it is because of student support. Yes, we are a small college, but we can give others a run for the their money.

It's too late to help on this past dance, but we hope to have another one in the first month of school next fall. Bill Coleman and I are co-chairmen this year and we need

Teaching not a standby

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to a recent editorial published in *The Bullet* entitled "Looking out for number one?" concerning careers for liberal arts majors. I agree with the statements on the lack of job marketability that the liberal arts degree carries. I also agree that something needs to be done to improve this status.

However, I am infuriated by the inference that teaching school is the "good ole standby." After all, would

you want your children taught by someone who accepts a teaching job as a last resort?

Our educational system should consist of devoted individuals who are sincerely interested in the education of our youth. I am disturbed by the idea I've heard expressed so frequently: "If you don't find what you want, you can always teach."

A Concerned MWC
Education Student,
Mary White

Thanks for the success

To the Editor:

The men of Madison Hall would like to thank everyone involved in "MWC Night '83" last Thursday for making the evening such a success.

Although it would be impossible to name everyone that contributed, we extend special thanks to Chris Uthe (who originated the idea), the staff of

the Pub for helping us out, all the "workers", and especially all those who placed bids.

With responses like the ones we received last Thursday, we hope to continue this tradition in years to come.

Thanks again,
The Men of Madison

Needed:

To the Editor:

I am a prisoner on death row at the Arizona State Prison. I have been here for quite a while and I don't have any family or friends on the outside to write. I am a 35-year-old Caucasian male, and I desire correspondence with male or female college students. I would like to form

some kind of friendly-type relationship and more or less just exchange past experiences and ideas. I will answer all letters, and exchange pictures. If interested, write to Jim Jeffers, Box B-38604, Florence, Arizona, 85232.

Sincerely Yours,
Jim Jeffers

Honor Violations

A student was found guilty of the honor violation of cheating. The penalty was suspension.

A student was found guilty of the honor violation of cheating. The penalty was no dismissal.

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Abortion at MWC: Learning things the 'wrong' way

by BETHANNE DAUGHTRY
At 15, her best friend did a science project on it.

At 17, she scorned those girls from the wrong side of the tracks who had to do it.

At 19, her college suitemate had to do the same thing.

At 20, it was her turn.

Abortion. From philosophical oppositions to practical reality, today's young people are having to deal with the issue more and more. As time goes by, they see the phenomena get closer and closer -- to people the know, to people they care about, to themselves.

"It was like an epidemic on my hall," said one Mary Washington female. "Practically everybody I knew was getting pregnant and having little alternative but to have the abortion."

For those who have been through the ordeal, reaction range from hidden shame and guilt to open advocacy of 'don't let this happen to you too' toward friends.

"When a close friend purposely stopped by to tell me what had happened to her two months before, I vowed to get on some birth control right away," another MWC student explained. "But it was already too late. A month later, I had an abortion."

"I'm not ashamed of what I did," she continued. "I had another year of school and things to do. I just

couldn't walk around pregnant and expect everyone to think the same of me."

She added, "I don't mind bringing up the subject and telling people -- especially when I think it will make them think twice about continuing sexual relationships without effective birth control. Yet, sometimes I sound like a regular preacher!"

While some advocate adoption over abortion if the mother cannot care for the baby financially and emotionally, many young women are just plain scared when a pregnancy reaches them.

"I would have fallen apart if I had

putting it up for adoption," she explained. "And I just don't think I would have the heart to give up my baby after it had been a part of me for nine months -- which would have been bad for both of us."

She continued, "The whole week I was pregnant, I was incredibly happy. It was something we had created together and it was very, very hard to destroy something we both cared about. But when you're in a desperate situation, you do desperate things."

"I often feel that I was a real murderer. And I don't deny that

"I'm not ashamed of what I did. I just couldn't walk around pregnant and expect everyone to think the same of me."

gone through with the pregnancy," explained another student. "At that time, I was just too weak and insecure. It was almost between a baby and my sanity."

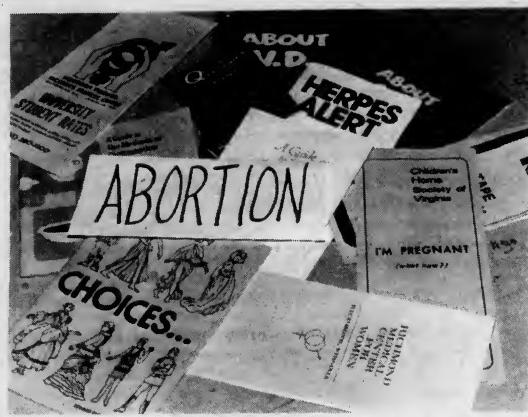
Another MWC female who was in the same situation said she had narrowed her options down to two. "While I could have had the child and raised it myself, that would have been financially impossible," she said.

"So it was between having the abortion and having the baby and

what was inside me was a person," another student said. "But there wasn't anything I could really do that wouldn't have ruined lives -- including the baby's. It's strange how you rationalize things to ease your conscience."

As another student added, "There was really no other way to get out of a bad situation. I wish I had had the guts to go through with it."

In general, most of the women felt support of their friends was crucial to their "survival" during what they



Mercer Health Center offers information to help in students' sexual choices.
photo by TERRY HUDAČEK

labeled as a "major turning point" in their lives.

"While some of my friends had always been against abortion, they tended to change when they saw what I was going through," one student said. "Even though it was a crisis, it helped us grow closer together."

She added, "It was something that hurt me and was a big part of my life. So, I tell people about the abortion

, so they can better understand me -- and so they won't get themselves in the same situation."

While abortion is accepted by most young people, there are those who say they would never let it happen to them or their mate.

As one MWC coed said, "First, I wouldn't let myself get in that situation. And even if I did get pregnant, I would never, ever have an abortion -- I don't think."

Virginity: Not an easy choice for MWC students

by MARTHA WEBER

When everyone else treats sex as casually as handing out a stick of gum, how does one deal with the commitment to "wait"?

For those of us unfamiliar with the concept, there is a belief among certain individuals that sex is something to be shared with one's spouse and no one else. After an exhausting search for virgins, it is obvious that they are becoming rarer and rarer. But the fact remains that they're out there.

The strongest motivations for the sexually inactive are religious feelings which stem from Catholic or other strong religious backgrounds.

The commitment to abstinence stems from the idea that the body is sacred and the only thing which a husband and wife can give to each other and only each other.

In itself, the concept is easily understood, but the question arises as to where one draws the line. Is sleeping together without intercourse a sin? Sleeping with someone is very intimate, and can have the same emotional implications as sexual intercourse. Are virgins turning up their sleeping with their boyfriends these days? Many are not. One anonymous sophomore (from here on out they're all anonymous) says no. And several shared her view that sleeping with their boyfriends was OK as long as nothing happened. "And nothing does happen because that's the way we want it."

We all know the "Give 'em an inch and they take a mile" syndrome. Will the boyfriend view sleeping together as a subtle initiation into

the wonderful world of premarital sex? "It definitely creates more of a temptation," said one of the interviewees, but I know what I'm doing and my feelings win out every time. If things get out of hand we'll make other arrangements."

With the upswing in sexual activity at this and other colleges, is there an increase in pressures from friends to join the bandwagon? In most cases, the pressure to have sex came from within, or from one's partner, as opposed to the usual dormitory talk of who slept where or with who. "I'm not 13 years old anymore and I don't feel I have to do what everyone else is doing to fit in," said a junior. "If there are temptations to go astray, it is usually based on my, or my boyfriend's feelings and has nothing to do with what the girl

down the hall has chosen for herself."

Individuals who prefer to wait are not without fears, though. Some honestly wonder if they will be able to "hold out" until marriage. One girl said she was afraid her curiosity or desire for sex might rush her into marriage. "Just wanting to experiment would be a pretty stupid reason to get married." Nobody ever said it was going to be easy. In fact, it probably gets harder as relationships grow more meaningful and the trusty trappings of visitation rules and parents fade away.

Another difficulty with the choice concerns the common conception of "the virgin." Many interviewees resented the fact that because they are in the minority they are viewed as chastity belt salesmen from the

Bible Belt. One sophomore said, "It's the people who are sleeping around a lot who are making a big deal of it, not me. I don't come home preaching, so why do they tell me of all their lovers?"

At the end of our interview, one of the girls asked thoughtfully, "Why has sex gotten so free?" We both had to ponder that one for a while, and still we couldn't come up with an explanation as to why knowing someone's first name was about the only prerequisite for sex today. But the answer probably goes back to the old "give 'em an inch" cliché. It just kind of evolved, like Darwin's apes. You know none of our grandparents had sex before marriage, a few of our parents did, and now we do all the time -- at least that's what we're led to believe.

Gay students no longer making homosexuality an 'issue' at MWC

by SARAH KOSAK

Today, Mary Washington students don't hear too much about gay rights, but a few years ago, the issue was a hot one on campus.

With an active and well-organized Gay Student Union (GSU), students heard, read and saw a lot about homosexuality. The group persistently "campaigned" to increase social acceptance of gays.

"Students were very afraid of the GSU," Rabson said. "They would rip down signs and were afraid that their lifestyle would rub off on them."

"I'm not afraid, and it doesn't bother me. I think this reaction is a learned behavior from the very religious and military backgrounds of many of our students. Students have been taught that homosexuality is wicked and bad."

Rabson said she gets calls from gays both on campus and in Fredericksburg who are looking for a support group -- a need the GSU filled in the past. "These are ordinary people who are lonely and would like

to not be so closeted," Rabson said.

Rabson found MWC's reaction to the gay students very different from her experiences at the northern college of Antioch. "There, faculty members were openly gay," she said. "And no one really worried about it."

Over the last 13 years, the issue of homosexuality has been on the top ten debates lists nation-wide, and MWC was not immune to the battle.

Articles on the subject began appearing in *The Bullet* in 1970 with an in-depth interview with a member of MWC's gay community and a student reaction poll concerning

homosexuality.

The poll revealed a rather mild reaction to the gay community, but several rebuttals which followed in letters to the editor denounced the gays and their way of life.

In October 1975, Ivy Martin wrote an anonymous article on what it was like to be gay at MWC. She spoke of the fears of harassment and the loneliness of her way of life.

A letter in reply denounced the gay life as "unnatural," and challenged Martin to sign her name and "accept herself." In a reply, Martin said she already accepted

herself, and signed her name.

A further exchange of letters began in 1978 when a student said the GSU should be recognized by Inter-Club Council and the SA Finance Committee.

Several members of the GSU wanted to comment on the issue and the now predictable denunciations which followed, but would not risk signing their names to letters.

The *Bullet*'s editorial board refused to print the unsigned letters and did not want to be responsible for student harassment if the letters were signed.

Fredericksburg motels go the full range in quality and convenience

by CHUCK BOREK

I was more than a bit perplexed upon getting this assignment, especially for an issue dealing primarily with sex. My editors mentioned something about Junior Ring Week, so I guess the purpose of this article is to inform everyone about motels in the area so they can tell their parents which is the best place to stay. Repeat: the following information was gathered to aid you in your choice of where Mom and Dad should spend the evening.

The motels in the area all fit neatly into two categories: convenience and quality. I'll consider the former types first.

By far the closest motel to campus is the Thomas Jefferson on Augustine Ave. The good 'ol T.J. has other advantages as well. Although there is no room service, the

7-Eleven is right next door. The rate there for a double occupancy is \$18.75.

The next closest establishment is the fabulous Twi-Lite right across the street from McDonald's. The Twi-Lite has less character and charm than the T.J., though, and is less discrete (for those of you with discrete parents). The rate there is \$18.95 (T.J.'s got 'em beat by twenty cents on the price too).

There are also a couple of inns in exciting downtown F'burg as well, for those of you (uh...I mean those of you whose parents) are attracted to the night life of the metropolis. The Colonial Motel is a bit drab, but they have color T.V. That in itself is worth the \$20 they charge. The Fredericksburg Colonial Inn, on the river (or so they say, although it's really about two blocks from the river behind some trees) is a whopp-

ing \$35. It must be remembered, though, that there's a bookstore (specializing in used and comic books) in the same building. Mom and Dad might enjoy browsing.

The Sheraton on Rt. 3 is so exclusive that I had trouble getting them to answer the phone. They charge \$49 for a room, but it must be taken into account that they offer room service and have a golf course with grassy knolls on which to ram-

bble about.

What seems like the best bet in town is the Ramada Inn, across from the Sheraton. The Ramada ranges

from \$32-\$35 for a double room and they have a restaurant next door that offers room service.

For those of you who are cheap (uh...I mean have cheap parents), the Econo Motor Hotel is in the same area and only costs \$26.99 plus tax.

There are several motels to the south on route 1 that might be enjoyable. The Howard Johnson's (24-hour restaurant, but no room service) is \$34. The Holiday Inn also costs \$34, but they have the added advantage of having a bar in their restaurant. The Scottish Inn is only \$19.95.

For those of you (whose parents) enjoy the privacy of being away from the big city, there are a couple of joints...uh, establishments...to the north a few miles out of town. About five miles up route 1 is the Town and Country (\$20.00) and a bit further up the road is the Bradshaw (also \$20.00).

As you can see, there's quite a variety of accommodations in and around Fredericksburg for you (damn it—I keep doing that) I mean for your parents to choose from. Remember, smart travellers plan for Junior Ring Week early!



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- Any others?

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3. What do you like least about **The Bullet**?
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Please respond and return polls to residence hall front desk in envelope marked "BULLET POLL." There will also be an envelope in the day student lounge. Faculty and Administrative members, please return through campus mail, to **The Bullet**.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us bring you what you want to read.

Resident Assistant takes leadership position

Bushnell begins student-run dormitory experiment

by JANICE CONWAY

An additional lifestyle option, under a trial standing, began Saturday at Mary Washington when Resident Assistant Mickey Houck assumed the Resident Coordinator responsibilities for Bushnell.

Resident Coordinator Dottie Minear resigned from the position to take a similar position at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

According to Dean of Students Joanne Southworth, this administrative decision was made to see whether or not a large residence hall could be administered by a full-time undergraduate student.

"The administration's decision to give this responsibility to the Bushnell residents demonstrates their positive attitude. It's a big step," Southworth explained.

Houck, a junior, was chosen on the basis of his past two years experience as a RA in Bushnell. As RC, he will assume the same administrative tasks of other RC's on

campus. He and Bushnell's two other RA's, Karl Kratzer and Mike McMahon, will take on the added responsibilities - and will be compensated in higher pay. The two other vacant RA position will be filled soon.

However, Southworth said, "The increase in salary should be seen as a grant given to fund a new program, to see if this kind of administration is feasible on this campus."

Houck is optimistic and confident about the outcome of the experiment. "This is a step forward for the students to prove that we can succeed with a student-run hall," Houck said.

There won't be any major changes, he added, because "enough guys want to make it work. I'd like to see Bushnell succeed in this effort, so that the residents are glad they live here," Houck explained.

Similarly, Minear expressed confidence in her successor and the

residents as a whole. "I've seen the residents develop a great deal of respect for him and for the position," she said.

"There may be a trying period at first, but they will realize he has the same responsibilities and will uphold them just as I did," Minear added.

Minear is also very optimistic about the experiment in general. "It's got a great deal of potential and it's a worthwhile leadership opportunity for undergraduates if they all pull together. If they decide it's going to work, it's going to," she explained.

According to residents, they have been fully informed about the circumstances and the attitude toward the change is a positive one. At a hall meeting Tuesday night, residents, student leaders and college officials met to air their views and discuss the responsibilities that would accompany such a change. A vote was taken to either fill the vacancy with

a student or with a temporary Resident Coordinator. The outcome indicated over 80 percent of the residents support the student-run experiment.

Bill Grosskopf, a senior and a third-year Bushnell resident, said he has lived in the hall under four different leaders. Still, this move came as a surprise to him. "It actually never occurred to me, but it's definitely a positive move toward bringing MWC out of the dark ages with another lifestyle alternative," Grosskopf said. Though he believes the experiment will be "scrutinized to the hilt," Grosskopf is confident of the program's success.

Sophomore resident Stan Smith said, "It will be interesting having Mickey run the dorm. He's very capable of doing a good job."

"Things will be run correctly and smoothly. It will be business as usual," freshman resident Peter LaMarca said.

Because of Minear's preparation, Southworth feels confident about the experiment. "Dottie has been extraordinarily helpful to prepare the students for this option. She believes in the residents working together as a community now," Southworth said.

Southworth added that the program will be evaluated carefully. "If feasible, this additional lifestyle option could be continued next year. This is the first time this kind of responsibility has been accepted. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of each resident that will insure the success of the experiment," Southworth said.

MWC's academic probation gets tougher

by ANNE SAVOCA

Some current changes in Mary Washington College's academic probation policy could permanently affect our careers as students. These changes, in addition to making reinstatement more difficult, are providing more incentive for students to stay above the "cut-off" G.P.A. level.

Recently the academic probation system, which has remained unchanged for ten years, has been re-evaluated and changed considerably. In the newly formed academic rule, a student who does not maintain a grade point average higher than a 1.65 can be suspended after only two semesters. In the old system, a student had four semesters before he faced possible suspension from the college.

After the suspended period, which is now one full calendar year, instead of one semester, a student may be allowed to return, but this is not guaranteed.

In order to return to school after a suspension period is served, a student must compose a letter explaining why she received the low grades and outline a plan stipulating how she will improve herself the second time around. In the old system, a student would meet with the Dean of Academic Affairs, (presently Mary Ann Burns) and speak with her. Now a student meets with the Board of Readmissions which consists of the Dean of Academic Affairs, six facul-

ty members, and four academic administrators.

The board was just an empty threat for one student, however, who said neither Burns nor the administrators she talked with make it clear whether she would meet with the entire Board or just speak to Burns herself. She was continually led to believe she would have to present her case to the entire board she said, but never did. Another student said she was told to prepare to meet the Board of Readmissions, and at the last moment, was informed she would not.

In talking with students who have gone through the upheaval of suspension, most agreed the academic probation system is a good policy. As one student put it, "the system itself is okay as long as (the administrators) stick to it...some loopholes in the system should be cleaned up."

Another student commented, "it's a good system if only we would stick consistently to the rule so it is fair to everyone." Most students agreed the policy helped them "get (their) act together."

Of Dear Burns, one student said, "I don't have a nice thing to say about her...she acts as if she does not want you to come back."

Burns commented, "Suspension says to a student we do not think you can make it here and we don't know if this is where you should be..." Burns emphasizes the fact that most students do not take the

academic probation policy seriously enough. She remains optimistic about the new rule, saying, "the regulations are stricter but made with the hope they will save careers of many students." The new rules, she said, will pressure those who can do more and eliminate those who really shouldn't be here.

The new system accounts for the return of the suspended student, and his housing and registration needs. One student said the problems she encountered finding housing almost made her alter her decision to return. "If I had been a freshman or a sophomore, I probably wouldn't have come back," she said. This same student found it frustrating to learn of students with the same grade point average as herself who were not suspended but given another chance.

On that issue, Burns said the decision depends upon a number of factors. The most important consideration is the amount of improvement a student has shown in his last semester. "A lot of students, said Burns, will leave before they are suspended. And a lot of suspended students, however, just do not apply."

She also said many students do not realize a student on suspension from one college will not be admitted to another college. Under the new set of academic rules, any courses a student is able to take while on suspension from Mary Washington will not transfer.

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COLUMNS

CHRIS GAY

Generations just keep repeating the sexual 'revolution'

Every generation thinks it is the first to discover sex, and to liberate it from some oppressive convention. That we are of the same ilk is as evidenced by this newspaper as anything else I can think of.

For better or worse, we have, in our lifetimes, seen a reemphasis on the importance of sex and a lifting of the various taboos associated with it. One can attribute this to several factors: the violence of this tattered century has, for many, diminished the relevance of any "morality" at all. The fact that we have lost our agricultural basis and its requisite social strictures is another reason often advanced.

It is equally true that every generation is prone to thinking that it has somehow finally "arrived"; that it has put all the old, traditional inhibitions behind it and can now enjoy true freedom, whatever that is. But if sexual license is the measure of our freedom, then we are considerably more constrained than other, earlier societies.

Historians Will and Ariel Durant have written that Rome, around the time of Christ, was full of "women dizzy with freedom, multiplying divorces, abortions, and adulteries...almost a picture of Euro-

pean and American cities after World War II. Even our generation has not yet rivaled the popularity of homosexualism in ancient Greece or Rome or Renaissance Italy".

moral codes and concludes that they are negligible because they differ according to time and place, and sometimes contradict each other. A larger knowledge stresses the

attire to boost sales, they are all clearly using some context (which itself would not sell) as a pretext for sexual innuendo (which does).

The Victorian convention is as

The likes of "Three's Company, Love Boat," and all the rest...would not be popular except in a culture which reduces gratification to pleasure, pleasure to sex and sex to copulation...

Of course whether or not sexual freedom is an accurate gauge of freedom at all is a question not satisfactorily answered even today. As enlightened as we like to consider ourselves, we are still a society ambivalent about the morality of sex. If this were not so, then there would be no reason for so much preoccupation with the subject, and you would not be reading about it now.

Our ambivalence is more the product of social changes beyond our control than enlightenment on our part, despite what we may think. We do not abandon morality altogether as we become more enlightened, we simply adjust morality to accommodate changing situations. The Durants again: "a little knowledge of history stresses the variability of

universality of moral codes and concludes to their necessity...Probably every vice was once a virtue—a quality making for the survival of the individual, the family, or the group. Man's sins may be the relics of his rise rather than the stigmata of his fall."

Today we are imbued with the latter notion; sex as somehow naughty. The sexual "revolution" of the past two decades may seem to contradict this, what with our casual attitude towards sex. On another level, however, we are still reinforcing the "stigmatic" view of it. When the networks present us with titillating sitcoms, when Rock groups purvey all manner of suggestive lyrics, and when popular magazines use the likes of Brooke Shields in her scant

alive as ever, it is simply popular to flout it now. Indeed, breaking the rules, or norms, as established by the convention, is more than half the fun.

The media is not to be indicted for showing us that which is evil, but rather for scandalizing that which is not. Sex cannot be sold if it is understood in its totality—i.e. the physiological, functional, and psychological differences and relationships among human beings. To be adequately packaged, however, the idea implied by the word must be reduced to the act itself.

Defenders of the media and what it purveys respond to accusations of exploitation with the argument

that society is changing and that what television, radio, etc. do is simply respond to these changes. True, we are changing, but the media always ignores its reciprocal impact on the culture it pretends to represent. The likes of "Three's Company, Love Boat," and all the rest (I do not claim familiarity with these, not being a patron of the arts) would not be popular except in a culture which reduces gratification to pleasure, pleasure to sex, and sex to copulation. The maintenance of this mentality is crucial to the survival of the media itself, thus it continues to influence and shape our culture while claiming merely to reflect it.

The sexual "revolution" of recent years will cure itself with its own excesses, given enough time: humans, it has been said, cannot know what is enough until they know what is too much. While Madison Avenue will defer such a change for as long as possible, a sort of sexual equilibrium will, at some point, be reached in our society. It will come, probably, just as a whole new generation sets out to make the same old discoveries and strip away the same old taboos with which we're all familiar. Sexual freedom is no end in itself—it's getting there that's all the fun.

CHUCK BOREK

Music and innuendo: "...just talkin' 'bout my generation"

If sexual innuendos are to be found anywhere in today's society, it's in the music we listen to. It's all there in the lyrics, everytime you listen to a tune in the Pub, or even in the privacy of your own room.

And it covers all forms of music funk ("she's a very kinky girl..."), new wave ("...love my way..."), rock ("she's my little rock 'n roll, my tits and ass with soul"), and even bluegrass ("Amy what you gonna do..."). Sure—we all know what he wants Amy to do.

So why do we fill our minds with this vulgar filth, this vile trash, this obscene, scandalous garbage? Because we love it, that's why. Let's face it, we're all sexually frustrated (though, admittedly, some more than others) and we all occasionally need a "release," if you will.

The sexual theme is not limited to a few select songs, either. Whole albums have been cut using this theme. Take, for instance, CHEAP TRICK'S *One On One*, with songs

like, "She's Tight" and lyrics like "I want to be a man—I wanna live in your valley." And how about the STONE'S *Some Girls* LP, with cuts like "Beast of Burden" (masochistic), "Miss You" (overly sentimental), and "Some Girls" (describing the sexual preferences of the female population).

Graphic sexual tones can be readily seen in live performances as well. FREDDY MERCURY (of QUEEN) does some rather unique things with the microphone on stage, and we all saw DAVE MINOR prancing around in our very own Pub when the TACKY ESKIMOS played there a couple of Thursdays ago.

So what are we to do about this "problem"? The fact is it's not a problem at all. Just because music is explicit doesn't mean it's satanic. Sex is nothing new—Abraham, Job, Adam and Eve—all the bible biggies did it. Just because today's composers no longer deny the fact is no reason to go around burning their

products.

Love has always been a central theme in pop music, and lyrics tend

to be indicative of love's concerns.

Back in '66 ELVIS sang "since my baby left me..." In '71 the STONES indicated that romantic concerns were shifting in a new direction when they sang "diamond rings, vaseline, you give me disease." In 1980 the J. GEILS BAND told us "love stinks." Should we be surprised?

If our music can't describe our culture, nothing can. The problem lies with people who hold up this smut as being some kind of evil influence on youth. Let's not forget that music, for the most part, is intended to be descriptive, not directive. PETE TOWNSEND hit it exactly when he proclaimed "I'm just talkin' 'bout my generation." It seems that audio pornography will be with us as long as the current method of reproduction is dominant.

Maybe once artificial insemination takes over, pop stars will be singing things like "You were once my baby,

but you came from a tube, oh yeah..."

Then again, maybe not.

ANNE BABER

So far away not so easy

Long distance relationships are no exception on any college campus. They are as inevitable as cold weather, exams and term papers. Be it the boy next door whom you have known since childhood, the blonde you met over the summer, or that cute Sigma Chi you met during rush week, a long-distance relationship is no fun. If you're lucky, he goes to school nearby and you can see him on weekends, but if he is farther away—Maine, Oklahoma, Britain—it isn't so easy.

Writing is okay, phone calls are better, but no matter what Ma Bell may try to tell you, you cannot "Reach out and touch someone," over hundreds of miles. Worst of all, of course, are the inevitable, disastrous, monthly phone bills. Sending cards and photos as well as newspaper clippings along with letters help to lift your beau's spirits, but while a picture may be worth a thousand words, it hardly matches a hug.

Take note of the bright side. You can look terrible in class without guilt. You can attend keg parties just for the beer and wear your oldest clothes, no makeup and just have a great time. Flounce, bounce, and really abuse those Wahoos.

In retrospect, nothing seems really bright. At parties you have a couple of drinks and then become sad at not having a date like everyone else. You go home early with a lump in your throat and run up the phone bill. Face it, it's tough.

Along with loneliness come the other fears—worry and jealousy. What is he doing tonight? Who is he with right now? All you can ever do is trust and keep faith. Maintain a sense of perspective. A long separation is not easy for either of you. It is only natural for him to wink at the occasional barmaid or take a girl to a film, just as it is natural for you to flirt and worry about how you look, hoping someone will notice you. Be patient.

A long distance relationship is by no means easy. Just keep in mind that today even the farthest distance is only a few hours away by air.

Survey

MWC girls like a comedian

by ANNE SAVOCA

A survey was taken of thirty women between the ages of 18 and 22. In the survey women were asked what three things most attract them to a man. Here are the results:

Sense of Humor--88 percent
Physically Fit body--65 percent
Overall Personality--61 percent

Fair Intelligence--49 percent
High Intelligence--33 percent
Confidence--31 percent
Clothes--29 percent
Maturity--26 percent
Honesty--24 percent
Height--21 percent
Spontaneity--19 percent
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Ambition--17 percent
Sensitivity--17 percent
Smile--9 percent
Nice Derriere--5 percent
Nice Legs--3 percent
Nice Shoulders--3 percent
Individuality--2 percent
Receding Hairline--2 percent
Sharp Nose--1 percent

DARYL LEASE

Taking cheap shots at Eden and other sexual scenes

by DARYL LEASE

ture, if you will, a modern-day something not unlike, say, a *Oh thank Heaven for... well, get it!* In our version, though, he is a loiterer in the land of concourse, hanging out by the Galaxy's just found the ho-ho's, and Lewis...he's the snake, see,

I've been asked to write a column about sex at MWC, and though it's a request I answer with hesitancy and fear, I feel I do it.

Hesitate because I still catch myself blushing now and again at things like foreplay, virginity, initiation, and remorse—all of which indulged in at one point or other. It's not that I find sex funny, you understand, it's just as a product of the society in which I live I know what I'm expected to be disgusted and embarrassed by. And so I blush. Actually, seldom disgusted, I'm probably embarrassed. I merely do what is natural in these born-again days. Call it a survival instinct, however twisted it may be. My blushing is not as bad as it used to be in the days when my hadn't even begun to come to terms with the subject of sex. I've written the story a hundred times, it is, but one more time couldn't



possibly cheapen the experience: In those grand old days of high school, the story goes, a friend off-handedly mentioned a sexual activity in an article he wrote for the student newspaper. Shortly after publication, tongues began wagging, but to our dismay, most of them were verbally lashing my friend and me, the editor, for our dirty deed.

EMERY

Relations at MWC: Not just a joke

What is a good-looking guy at

A Tourist

What is the difference between a girl and a toilet?

A toilet doesn't follow you after you use it.

ough these jokes are quite funny, the real opinions MWC students have about each other are very different. There seems to be a number of students who are grossed-in some cases disgusted—at the conduct of the opposite

spent several days conducting an annual survey to determine how students felt about each other. I asked no standard questions nor were those I talked to specifically chosen. Girls seemed to the most to say, and juniors sophomores were the most. Seniors seemed to be the most concerned; they came to understand the social life here long ago and since accepted it. Of course no people have the same opinion, what follows are the generalizations which were expressed often.

An overwhelming consensus of feel guys at MWC treat them dirt. No one would say that guy was like that (at least not), but most girls feel that most guys use and abuse girls. And girls seemed very bitter when

It seems silly now—and perhaps sophomoric—but it's become a part of the myth I live. At any rate, now this particular word never fazes me. Furthermore, I'm convinced that cunnilingus is one of a thousand pretenders that really does build character.

Okay, it may appear that I owe a great deal to both Jerry Falwell and Rasputin for my views on sex, but what more can you expect in this age of confusion from an individual attending a college named in honor of a person who, I'm sad to say, is remembered chiefly for a pregnancy?

Surely there's more to sexuality at MWC than we've allowed ourselves. If not, why all the blushing and fussing?

(Before I go any further with this, let me bore you with intimations of my first dealings with my sexuality. At a rather early age for such things, my doctor asked me, with cold hands and a look that forewarned of a morals primer, "Do you ever touch yourself?"

"Why, no!" I exclaimed, for some reason compelled to lie though at this point I knew nothing of Onan, the first Christian martyr. Oh, doctor, I've never even seen it before. Has it always been there?

Milton, incidentally, was also warned of this diversion at an early age, in his case by his mother, Mrs.

Milton, who screeched, "What, you should want to go blind touching yourself?" Milton has *Paradise Lost* to show for his efforts; I have this column. Time, if it's the least bit diplomatic, won't tell who made the right decision.)

Now I ask you, could not all of this lead to fantasies about innocence right after the Fall, in a never-never land where no one argues about sleeping on the wet spot, where cigarette smoking isn't an alternative to orgasm, where birth control is recognized as the intruder it is, where the male isn't merely a life support system for a penis, where Tinkerbell doesn't menstruate (much less sell her soul to Disney for a movie about it), where fucking is considered healthy, and—above all—where compassion is a prerequisite for making love?

But no, at our world's worst, it seems the Garden's been plowed over to make room for suburbs, into which uptight, confused, pitiable couples move and spend the rest of their lives struggling with their sexuality and some of its more amusing qualities.

To wit: The wife will complain about sleeping on the wet spot. (Considering all of what's been done with what made that spot wet, it's a rather silly argument, isn't it? Hell, move over people, I'll sleep on it.)

The wife will forever endure smoking cigarettes as an alternative to orgasm because the husband can't fathom it not being good for her, too.

The husband will insist that the wife be on the Pill, though he'd never take one himself. (I don't know that I would either. I'm used to nausea at least two times a week, but seven?)

Tinkerbell will fly in and out of their lives. The husband will continue to be frustrated as his life support system goes limp when the wife's menstruating. She'll recall the Disney movie she saw in elementary school, in which Tinkerbell is shown wearing a tampon. Ah, the idyllic life of cartoons...

Fucking, most of their religious leaders will tell them in overly polite words, is something you do to procreate, not to enjoy. They'll begin to do what's right, of course.

And, more than likely, they'll fondly recall their college days when sex was a game you played after a keg party, and wonder where they went wrong.

This column includes excerpts from The Cunnilingus Conspiracy, a book-in-the-works that, if things are constant, will be found, say, five years from now behind the counter at your local modern-day Eden.

ago, which correlates with national trends. And it does seem that those who choose marriage do so conscientiously, rather than getting married-for-marriage's-sake.

As for the guys, most seemed pretty satisfied with the girls here. MWC girls, they said, represent a broad spectrum of types. Besides that, the guys didn't have a whole lot to say about the girls here. I guess they never had the need (or maybe the time?) to examine the situation.

Most guys say males here act no

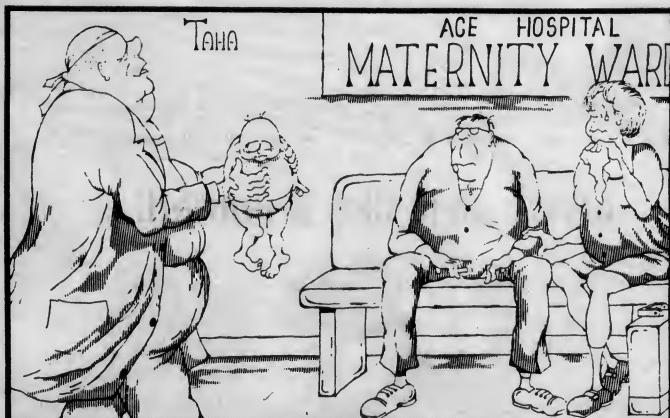
differently than females would in the same circumstances. And guys abuse girls at other schools too. There are even some girls here that abuse guys. Although most everybody abuses somebody at some time, they say, there are in reality only a few jerks among the guys here.

Some guys point to the intimidation factor. It may be great to have a lot of girls around, but it's tough on a lot of guys to be the only male in a class of 25. Thus you have guys in

groups of four or five sticking together for security.

And how do I feel? When I first arrived here I was a bit intimidated and a little chauvinistic about girls. I soon realized that most of the smartest students, and best leaders were girls. I have developed respect for girls because of it. I have dated a few girls on campus and found their company enjoyable. I have found some good friendships with many more, and I hope they will be long-lasting. And, I have a girlfriend at home.

Odyssey



"We finally found him, so you can stop worrying now. Someone had accidentally kicked him up under a table."

MWC's unique personality ranks tops among students

by R. FINNEY

We all remember the first time we picked up a Mary Washington College publicity catalog. Remember the credentials it acclaimed as our school's best qualities? Now that you're on the inside, what do you feel are our college's greatest assets?

In a recent poll, students were asked, "What do you like best about Mary Washington College?" Answers were varied and amusing, but all would make a promoter proud. Realistically, some students had no favorite aspect, but most had two

or three optimistic answers.

The more unusual replies included Mary Beth Nye's claim for "Warren's Question of the Week" on ACV-TV. Janet Raynor said she loved the salad bar at Seacobeck. A blond-haired girl sweetly answered with her boyfriend's name. Whitney Hargrave, who has written several Bullet articles about school productions, said the Drama Department. Sandy Craker liked it's location as a "quick get-away to D.C." and Greg Byrd said the number of women.

Others mentioned M.W.C.'s "non-

party school" atmosphere, the basketball team, mail at the P.O., and Senor Pena. Claudia Kersnbrock quickly answered "the pub and Madison."

Yet overall, most students noted the size of the school, professors/academic standards, beauty of the campus and the "friendly atmosphere." George Fourcade felt the size of MWC, especially the small classes, added a personal dimension not found at larger schools. Other students also liked small classrooms, which provide as opportunity to

know professors better. Jim Emery echoed a familiar refrain when he said, "the challenging academics."

Others who liked the academics particularly approved of their own department, such as Martha Trotter who liked the "Education Department best." Patty Foley, yearbook editor, said "the campus itself." In fact, the architecture, layout and grounds were often mentioned. The "friendly atmosphere" answer won as the most common answer. One student related it to the "family feeling" in the dorms; Jessica Woodman

believed the "type of people he contribute to the warm atmosphere. Frank Gilmore may have summed it best when he said, "I like people best...they make the atmosphere...it's all because of the pie."

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MWC guys will not swear by their first impressions

by CHUCK BOREK
at, exactly does a guy look for girl? Blonde hair, long legs, an glib figure, and lots of money, Well, kind of, but I'm afraid answer turns out to be a bit more than that.

anted, the aforementioned

qualities couldn't help but enhance (even so slightly) the attractiveness of an individual, but in speaking with other guys on the MWC campus, I found those traits were mentioned only secondarily, if at all.

Most guys only briefly alluded to the outward attractiveness of a per-

son and seemed more concerned with what the person was like, their attitudes and opinions, their inward personality. Almost universal was the idea that it is important to catch someone's eye first with a gorgeous figure or whatever.

However, beyond that initial contact, other factors take over. It's important for the person to share some common characteristics, but no one is looking for a carbon copy of themselves. In fact, many guys related the opinion that it was more interesting to go out with someone who was quite different from themselves, and that people who were too much alike become easily bored with each other.

One roadblock to relationships is the virtual caste system which our generation has produced. Surpris-

ingly, it seems that members of one "group" (though I'm at a loss as to describe what this group is) said that they doubt if they'd consider a relationship with a "preppie" type. Likewise, the preppie types expressed an attitude that would indicate that they would more than likely not see someone outside of their grouping.

Simple observation seems to confirm this. When was the last time you saw a shirtless frisbee player with long hair and a bandana walking around with a girl with turtles all over her pants, a green and pink sweater, and a name like "Biff," or something equally peculiar?

Although men at MWC certainly don't seem to be bed-shy, promiscuity was something almost all said they looked down upon. Could this

be the result of a tightening of our moral standards, or is it just the threat of the ever-present herpes virus? Although almost everyone said virginity is not important; most guys related to me their idea that it is almost impossible to find a girl who will admit to being a virgin. (However, I find it hard to believe many guys would admit to this either.)

The bottom line seems to be that looks are initially important, but their importance is very quickly transcended by other factors. Although almost no one would balk at a chance to go out with an exceptionally nice-looking girl, most guys told me they seriously doubt if any type of relationship at all could be established on the basis of physical attractiveness alone.

Halls to be refurnished

by KATHY McDONALD
you tired of colorless or empty rooms and parlors? Are you of rec rooms with no recreation furniture? Dean of Students Mrs. Southworth and Maryington's Office of Residence are working to remedy this.

Board of Visitors has ap-
ed the use of \$100,000 to refur-
the common areas of the cam-
residence halls and small

"Southworth said.
resident directors in each hall received evaluations for
nts to complete, expressing
ideas and desires about what
ould like done in the common
of their halls.

ans and style of the redecora-

tion will be based on the assessment of how the students want these areas to be used," Southworth said.

An inventory of pieces already in the parlors and side rooms is in process. The student evaluations are due back to the Office of Residence Life Feb. 11. The inventory and information provided by students will determine which areas of the halls or houses will receive priority in the refurbishing process.

"The money could be used, for example, to purchase floor lamps, or desks for rooms to be used for study, and pool or pingpong tables for recreational rooms," Southworth said. Students are urged to fill out the evaluations promptly and return them to the resident directors.

Take a bite out of crime

ried about your safety here on Washington campus?

Crime Prevention Week is
! C Police, in partnership with
udent Association's Campus
Committee, has planned
different ways to help
ts avoid being the victims of
such as larceny, assault and

scheduling "security surveys" by MWC police in individual rooms.

These surveys would check problems with door and window locks as well as proper storage of valuables.

MWC police will also offer a free identification marking service of student's large valuables -- calculators, televisions, stereos. Such marks would help law enforcement officials trace and identify the equipment if it was ever stolen.

This week only marks the beginning of an ongoing effort to increase campus safety awareness, according MWC Police Sgt. James H. Williams.

"People are here at college to be educated," he said. "This is just a continuation of that education. And it will be something you need to remember."

connection with National Crime Prevention Week set for Feb. 7-11, safety officials scheduled various mini-meetings for each residence hall this on all aspects of crime prevention.

pus police and the safety committee will also be circulating safety

chures this month as well as

will offer interested

s the chance to explore possi-

ions as well as career oppor-

tunities in various fields.

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Academic Affairs Commit-

tee, student department

ents and advisers on

and careers will be on hand

over any questions about re-

ents, major programs, and

careers possibilities from each discipline.

Along with the information, the circus also promises some fun. Prizes will be awarded for the best department costume and there will be a Sweepstakes drawing for all those who complete a career quiz to be distributed during the session.

With the crowd close to 500 last year, the circus is expected to draw even more this year.

"And there will be hundreds and hundreds of balloons! Everyone will be able to have one when they leave," promised Amy Hale, one of Academic Advising's circus planners.

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Artpiece gains recognition as official club

by WHITNEY HARGRAVE

A new organization recently gained approval as an official organization of Mary Washington College.

"Artpiece is an organization formed to organize people of artistic persuasion," says Scott Ligon, founder of the organization. Artpiece MWC is a chapter of Artpiece Ltd. and its membership is limited to MWC students.

The organization is to be a vehicle for expression for anyone with a dream of being an artist. However, not only artists in the classical sense may join. Anyone of artistic expression, whether writer, musician, director, painter, or artists of any other

form or style, may join Artpiece.

Artpiece is open to any ideas and will aide the artists in developing their ideas for production.

Among the ideas already in the works are *Zephyrus* magazine, an art auction, and a mixed media presentation. *Zephyrus* is a magazine for both visual artists and writers. However, not only poets and other creative writers are encouraged to submit their work. "We want the magazine to appeal to a large audience," Ligon commented. "Journalists are also welcome to write on current events." The magazine will be on sale at MWC and in Fredericksburg.

The mixed media production tentatively scheduled for semester. It will include drama productions, dance pieces, project slides, original music, and narrative poetry, as well as any other that members of the organization come up with. "The idea is to send all forms of creative expression on the same stage," said Ligon.

Artpiece MWC is now looking for the student body of MWC members. Look for posters for Artpiece and contact any of the people listed on the posters, or call Ligon at extension 4437. You will be called when a date is set for organizational membership meetings.

POETRY

Joseph Cornell: Shadow Boxes

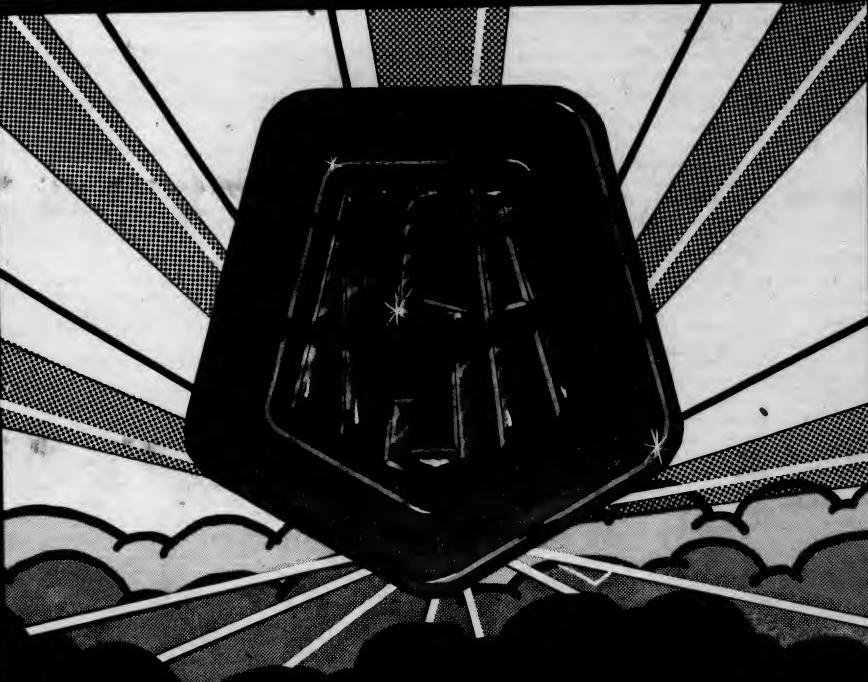
(from an article in "Ballet News,"
February, 1982, by Terry Trucco)

to your home in Flushing, NY
the ballerina
brought what you requested:
"a book on erotic art
and a mocha cake."
later, after you were dead,
Allegra, the dancer,
said that you sat in the garden
and ate the bittersweet cake
as if it were part of a Japanese tea ceremony.

usually, the dancers frightened you,
you would stand like a child
in the theater wings
watching the seat and satin of rehearsals.
later, your gaunt fingers
pieced together the boxes
and filled them with hairpins, ribbons,
scraps of another's art.
you tried to capture something like grace,
but you wouldn't let the dancers,
the real ones, touch you,
or shake your hand.

and finally you retreated completely
to your house and your garden,
writing letters to Allegra
and avoiding the claustrophobic stage.
in the end, as always,
you gave your shadow boxes
to anyone who would love them
and alone in Flushing
you could dream at night
of Anna Pavlova's final performance
that you were a child in the opera house again
and the dancer was throwing her roses to you.

-Lisa D.



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Ruth Bonner puts up a shot over Eileen Baruch of St. Mary's College in women's basketball action Thursday night.

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Women's basketball wins

by DAVID LYNCH

Trish Long's 12 first half points, the Mary Washington College women's basketball team pulled to a 37-21 halftime lead en route to a 75-56 victory over Clinch College Saturday at Goolrick.

"Our shot selection from the outside was excellent," commented Coach Connie Gallahan. "We worked the ball inside to take advantage of our superior height. It helped to open the middle."

Gallahan also noted that the defensive play in the first half was a key factor. "Our defensive frustrated their outside game," she explained.

In the second half as MWC's lead approached twenty, Gallahan was able to rest her starters and empty her bench.

For the afternoon, Long finished with 16 points and grabbed a game-high 14 rebounds. Ruth Bonner chipped in with 14 points and Melanie Taylor added 11.

For CVC, now 3-19, Pam Horton had game-high honors with 26 points to be the only Cavalier in double figures.

The Tide, 11-4 pending the outcome of last night's game at Eastern Mennonite College, will be host to Division II Liberty Baptist College tonight and will host Bridgewater College on Friday. Both games are scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

Swim team races tough teams

by WILLIAM SMITH

Mary Washington College's women's swim team had a busy week with three meets against tough competition, coming away with one victory despite strong performances by Ann Cumming and Beth Kelly.

The Tide's sole victory came in a 92-32 roll over Hood College as part of a tri-meet held at George Washington University last Friday night. The other half of the meet saw MWC fall to Division I power GWU by a score of 81-49.

In addition, the Tide swimmers traveled to Johns Hopkins University last Thursday and lost to a strong Blue Jay team, 61-44. The loss to Hopkins ended for a two year MWC winning streak against Division III opponents that dated all of the way back to February 1981, when the Tide lost to Sweet Briar College by three points.

Cumming led the Tide with a total of four first places for the week, with two each against Hood and JHU.

Against George Washington, no Tide swimmer or relay teams were able to place first in any event. MWC Coach Jim Grace attributed the defeat to the fact that MWC is still working to get back into shape following the Christmas layoff, while the Colonials spent the holidays training in Florida.

The Blue Tide fared better against Hood, with four women pacing the victory with two wins apiece.

Cumming took first place in the 200 and 50 backstroke, turning in a time of 30.78 in the shorter race. Beth Kelley was clocked at 29.73 in winning the 50 fly, and swam to a first place victory in the 200 individual medley. Laura Ellison swam to victories in the 500 and 1000 freestyles.

MWC won both relays against Hood with Cumming, Leslie Hoerner, Rebecca Berry and Lisa Featherstone winning the 200 medley relay. Cumming, Hoerner, Berry and Cathron Brooks winning the 200 freestyle relay.

Eyles hits buzzer shot to win

by DAVID LYNCH

Billy Eyles' only field goal of the night, a 13-footer which went off the rim and fell in at the end, gave the Mary Washington College men's basketball team a 56-54 victory over North Carolina Wesleyan College Saturday night in Clark Hall.

"When you shoot the ball, you expect it to go in," explained "I just got a lucky bounce," NCW Coach Tom Davies remarked. "My back was to the dock and I think he (Eyles) was going to go off in time."

At the beginning, it looked like the Tide was going to run away early as Tony Farris hit a three-pointer to give MWC a thirteen lead at 30-17 with 4:01 to play in the first half. The Bishops, however, whittled it down to seven points.

"When they went to a stall, our main concern was not allowing them to score layups," explained Davies.

After half to make the halftime score 32-25.

In the second half, the Tide advantage held up until the Bishops' Jack Martine hit a foul shot to tie the game at 44 with 9:03 remaining. After a MWC turnover, NCW's Mark Hunter scored on a layup to give the visitors a two-point advantage at 46-44.

The Bishops gained possession again and decided then to slow the action down. An errant Bishop pass that sailed out of bounds gave MWC possession with 6:36.

With the score tied at 50 and 51:6 to play, the Bishops again decided to spread their offense and work for an easy shot. Tony Wright was able to get behind the Tide defense and hit a layup to give Wesleyan a two point lead at 52-50.

"When they went to a stall, our main concern was not allowing them to score layups," explained Davies.

"Fortunately, we allowed them only one."

Martine added a layup to give the Bishops a two-point lead at 54-52 with 3:10 to play. That was answered with an 11-footer by Tim Jones to tie the game for the seventh time at 54-54.

After a Bishop timeout, Jones then stole the inbounds pass with 1:03 to play which set up Eyles' heroics.

For Mary Washington, the only player to score in double figures was forward Buddy Hawley with 12. He was followed by Fields, Frank Gilmore, and Ronald Kennedy, who contributed 8 points apiece.

For Wesleyan, Martine led all scorers with 16 points, while Tony Wright and Terry Wright popped in 10 each.

MWC, 9-10, will now host York College on Friday.

Linda Moehle won both the optional and required diving events. She will next compete for Mary Washington in the Sweet Briar Diving Invitational this weekend.

Against Johns Hopkins, the Tide got off to a fast start as Featherstone, Hoerner, Kelley and Cumming took the meet's first event, the 200 medley relay, but the Blue Jays' depth allowed them to come back and win.

A series of problems plagued the Tide to the point where Coach Grace was not able to fill the last few events with swimmers.

Cumming took a pair of events, the 100 fly and the 100 backstroke,

to lead the Blue Tide swimmers with two firsts. Other winners were Featherstone in the 50 backstroke and Terry Lehman, who won the optional diving meet.

Grace was pleased with Mary Washington's performances despite the losses. "I was disappointed with the defeats," commented Grace, "but we did well considering our lack of depth and the fact that we are still getting into shape after a month off in December."

The Tide will swim two meets this week, hosting Notre Dame of Maryland this afternoon at 4 p.m. and Mary Baldwin College, Thursday at 7 p.m.



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